

## FIFTH LOAN IS TO REHABILITATE WOUNDED MEN

GOVERNMENT TO SEE THAT ALL WOUNDED MEN ARE GIVEN VERY BEST TO BE HAD.

A large percentage of the money which will be subscribed to the Fifth Liberty Loan will go toward the rehabilitation of wounded men. The United States government is resolved to do its utmost to restore every wounded American soldier and sailor to health, strength and self-supporting activity. He will not be discharged from the hospital until all the medical and surgical treatment necessary to restore him to health has been given him, under the jurisdiction of military or naval authorities, according to the branch of service he is in.

Then his future will be considered by the Federal Board for Vocational Education. If he has been disabled in such a way that he cannot take up the work he left to go into the country's service, a large vocational field is opened up to him, with a wide choice of occupations. He is carefully trained to self-supporting activity.

If he needs an artificial limb or mechanical appliance, the government will supply it free, keep it in repair and renew it when necessary. If, after his discharge from the hospital, he again needs medical treatment on account of his disability, the government will supply it free. While he is in the hospital and while in training afterwards the soldier or sailor will receive compensation as if in service and his family or dependents will receive their allotments.

Also a wounded soldier or sailor, regardless of whether his disability prevents him from taking up his former employment, may take a course in vocational training, free of cost, and the war risk insurance compensation will be paid him during the time of training. In this case no allotment will be paid to his family.

The training branches, with their thousands of trained instructors will use millions of the nation's dollars and the country instead of being filled with dependent cripples and beggars, an eyesore to the nation and a constant reminder of the horrible side of the great war, with its glorified cause and its magnificent victory will have thousands of highly trained men—heroes, the glory of whose sacrifice will not have been tarnished by a moral and mental disintegration.

That's one of the reasons why the Fifth Liberty Loan must be subscribed. The first three loans launched America in the war—built training camps and equipped and sent men overseas; the Fourth Liberty Loan, the "fighting" loan, backed up the fighting men and made the overwhelming victory for the allies possible. The Fifth or Victory Loan will be just as important in the annals of war loans, for both moral and material reasons. America would be monstrously ungrateful should she not stay with her men in khaki and blue until they are returned to their homes, physically strong and able to earn a livelihood. The best way for every person to show his personal gratitude is to start now planning how much he can subscribe to the Fifth loan.

## WHAT BOYS SAY ABOUT RED CROSS

Since the soldiers overseas have been informed by their officers that the American Red Cross will play Santa Claus this Christmas for all the boys in khaki who have no relatives in the United States, Red Cross Headquarters at Washington has been receiving hundreds of appeals. Incidentally, the men at the front have taken this time to express their appreciation for the work done by the Red Cross "Over There."

Following are a few excerpts taken at random from letters including Christmas Package Coupons:

"Dear Mr. and Mrs. Red Cross—I would appreciate it tremendously if you would send me a Xmas package. I have no relatives, and a little something from the good old U. S. A. would be appreciated beyond words. The Red Cross has done so much for us over here and you don't know just how we appreciate it beyond everything else."

An Italian thus addresses his Christmas appeal:

"To Whom It May Concern—I am in service in France and, having no people in the United States, would like to receive a little package from the Red Cross on Xmas. I am in No Man's Land in a big way, and it is raining."

"I have been informed the Red Cross will send Xmas packages to any soldier who sends them his Xmas package coupon. I have received so much tobacco and other things from the Red Cross in my fourteen months in France I scarcely like to write again. I am in the hospital recovering from wounds, and the Red Cross furnishes us with daily papers, writing material, tobacco, fruits and recreation."

"I have no one else to send my Xmas coupon to, so am sending it to you, as per notice on our bulletin board. If you send a package I would appreciate it if you would include a bill for same, for I would gladly pay it. I don't want to impose on you. The Red Cross is the best friend we have."

One Red Cross nurse writes:

"Am including the coupon, but please be sure to fill the boys at the front get their packages first, then if one is left I will appreciate it, as I suspect all the others will have something from home which will make me a little less lonely. Words cannot express our appreciation for the Red Cross."

"The Red Cross is a great help and blessing to the soldiers and every where."

"We of the A. E. F. are constantly being shown evidence of the wonderful work the Red Cross is doing and are extremely thankful."

"Dear Red Cross Workers—After we left dear old America we thought we were traveling away from your kindness, but we did not. We cannot praise you too highly for your work. I have no folk at home to send me a Christmas package."

"Words cannot express the obligation we are under for the work you are doing to help us along."

"I know they would greatly appreciate a little remembrance. I wish to most sincerely thank the Red Cross for all the kindnesses and benefits they have bestowed upon our boys."

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## A Substantial Gift

The best gifts are not, necessarily, the most expensive.

A word of kindness and encouragement has often proved of priceless value.

A Gift from the depth of the heart, actuated by noble impulses, enriches both the giver and receiver.

It's the spirit of the giving, the wholeheartedness and unselfishness, the pure desire to make some one happier or more comfortable, that really counts.

Likely enough you want to remember some friend or neighbor who has had "bad luck" or met with misfortune, and you desire to give something substantial.

We suggest

## Lily White

"The flour the best cooks use"

with your best wishes.

Surely this would be thoroughly appreciated, and a Merry Christmas Greeting sets better on a full stomach than an empty one.

Besides good, wholesome, nutritious bread and biscuits are better for the undernourished than medicine.

They go direct to the spot, and if they are made from LILY WHITE FLOUR, "the flour the best cooks use," they are bound to be good. Give Lily White, and make someone's Christmas more merry.

Our Domestic Science Department furnishes recipes and canning charts upon request and will aid you to solve any other kitchen problems you may have from time to time. Public demonstrations also arranged. Address your letters to our Domestic Science Department.

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## BRINK

Mr. and Mrs. Rosa Chickering visited with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Leach, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eli Hanks and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brink and daughter, Olive, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Hulbert on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wiley, of Belding visited with Mr. and Mrs. Herb Regan over Sunday and in the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Irving Olmstead visited there.

Mr. and Mrs. George Phillips, Geo. A. Phillips and Margaret Shattuck visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnson, of near Ashby recently. The Johnsons are camped out at that place engaged in boxing wood. There are nine tents of people who are engaged in that work.

Mrs. Herb Regan and daughter Iva called on Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Leach, Sunday evening.

Mrs. Emory Chickering was a caller at Mrs. Rosa Chickering's home Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. George Phillips called at Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Kohn's Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Hite Eckert visited with her daughter, Mrs. George Hopkins, of Greenville, Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Eckert are going to move up there for the winter.

Mrs. M. L. Howe wishes to thank Miss Edith Williams, the fine young lady book keeper at Lloyd's store for the nice begonia. It is in full bloom and is a beauty.

Clarence Snow dug some early potatoes on the 15th of December which were of first class quality having kept good all of this time. Now who can beat this for a record.

Miss Lydia Towne and Miss Isabel Jennings went to Camp Custer for a Sunday visit with friends.

Miss Hazel Snow was a caller at Mrs. Milo Towne's Sunday afternoon and Mrs. Towne took her to Belding to her boarding house.

Mr. and Mrs. George Phillips wish to thank the East Otisco Farmer's club for the nice flowers sent to them. They appreciated them very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Cooper and daughter, Catharine, visited with Mr. and Mrs. John Cooper Sunday and enjoyed a good dinner. It was the first time that Mrs. Cooper has been away in four weeks as they have all been sick with the flu.

## Former Pastor Visits Here.

Rev. John M. Zindler, of St. Joseph, Mich., a former priest in the local Catholic parish returned to his home in the southern Michigan lake shore city Friday morning after a short visit at the home of Rev. Fr. John A. Klich. Fr. Zindler was pleased to get back to Belding for a visit and many of his former parishioners and others met him while here. He has a splendid place at St. Joseph but Belding will always have a warm place in his heart on account of the many loyal friends which he has here.

## RED CROSS WELFARE WORKERS LOOK AFTER SOLDIERS' KIN

From Red Cross home service workers with the army abroad, twenty or more inquiries after the welfare of soldiers' families reach Washington every day by cable, and a hundred more come in the daily mail to national headquarters.

If conditions are such that a satisfactory answer cannot be sent the Red Cross home service committee makes them as near right as possible, and then sends its reassurance of further help and watchfulness.

## RED CROSS RELIEF IN THE FAR EAST

Bring Food and Supplies to Czechoslovakia in Siberia.

THE American Red Cross has become very active in that part of Europe surrounding Vladivostok, and the prompt medical assistance rendered that distressed country has resulted in saving thousands of lives. The recent work done by the Red Cross for the Czechoslovak refugees has assumed proportions and is daily becoming greater in scope.

Cabled advice received from Vladivostok report that more than 20,000 Czechoslovak refugees, 4,000 of them children, are now being cared for by the American Red Cross at that city. In addition to this relief work, the cables state that the Red Cross Medical organization is attending hundreds of wounded Czechoslovak soldiers who have reached Vladivostok after weeks of the most desperate fighting against the pro-German forces.

The condition of the refugees, who were found living in tents and freight cars along the Chinese Eastern Railway west of Harbin, was pitiable. A majority of them are farmers, though there are many coal miners and railway employees in the number, people who were driven from their homes by the Bolsheviks, and some German and Austrian war prisoners.

The work of administering to the wounded Czechoslovak fighters, who steadfastly refused to recognize the Bolshevik-German peace, and relieving the distress of the homeless civilians was started the moment their plight was brought to the attention of the American Red Cross. The relief work was directed by Charles K. Moser, American consul and head of the Red Cross chapter at Harbin. American Red Cross chapters at Tokyo and Shanghai also gave valuable aid.

While waiting for instructions from America, they went ahead and raised funds in Vladivostok which provided temporary relief for both soldiers and civilians.

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A Christmas Walk.  
In silvery softness the anthem closed  
Like a slowly silenced bell;  
The sacred calm of a peace divine  
Like a benediction fell;  
And out on the morning light that spread  
A glimmer of amber gray,  
I walked with Margery home from church,  
On an old, old Christmas day.

A bland, mild day—for the rugged month  
Had chosen a kindly mood.  
Like a wonderful mellow aftermath  
From the Autumn's plenitude.  
With scarcely a tang of wholesome cold  
Did the Winter's breezes blow.  
As Margery walked from church with me  
On a Christmas long ago.

The earnest words that had touched our hearts—  
The warnings, kindly and wise—  
Had left a shadow of tenderness  
In Margery's violet eyes:  
The merry, hoydenish maid I'd known  
For a twelvemonth's flying space,  
Had taken on that old Christmas day,  
A new and womanly grace.

As through the tremulous opal clouds  
That shifted and swayed apart,  
A sun ray lighted the rosy face,  
The wish was born in my heart  
That down the trail of the unspent years,  
Whatever their trend might be,  
The soft-eyed maiden beside me then,  
Might walk to the end with me.

Absently watching the velvet flakes  
By the white gale set a-wing,  
I breathe the spirit of other years  
While the bells of Yuletide ring;  
And near me, smiling with happy eyes  
At our children's romping play,  
Is the girl who walked from church  
With me.

On that old, sweet Christmas day,  
—Harriet Whitney Durbin, in The People's Home Journal.

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## NO FIXED QUOTAS FOR 1919.

So great is the faith of the American Red Cross in the American people that no quotas have been assigned to Red Cross Chapters for the enrollment of members in the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call. Universal membership is the goal. Chapters are limited only by the number of people in their jurisdiction. The Roll Call will be finished only when every available person, without regard to age or sex, has been enrolled. Children may join only through the Junior Red Cross Auxiliaries, and their membership dues are twenty-five cents a year. The chief aim in enrolling is not to raise money but to increase the membership. Special emphasis is laid upon the regular membership at \$1.00 per year, but privilege will be given to enroll as a Contributing Member at \$5.00, Sustaining Member at \$10.00, Life Member at \$50.00 or Patron at \$100.00.

## THE CLIMAX TO VICTORY.

During the week before Christmas the entire American people will have the privilege of answering the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call. The response should roar through the land with a unanimity that will stimulate to the uttermost the hopes of men in all parts of the earth. It will therefore be the climax of American idealism and will usher in Christmas with a Red Cross membership approximating the census figures. What the Red Cross wants is the approval of the American people of the Red Cross policy, and such approval will have the highest significance in the eyes of suffering people everywhere. President Wilson leads the response and passes along the message, "I summon you to the comradeship."

## RED CROSS SCHOOL FOR BOYS.

The American Red Cross has established a manual training school for Belgian boys at Vaulruz, Switzerland.

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## Save Food and Buy Bonds.

The morale of this army of ours is dependent on the strength of those at home. A whisper of complaint goes far and grows louder as it resounds across the Atlantic.

## DOCTOR SAYS VINOL IS THE BEST TONIC

Honest Opinion Doctor Gave His Patient

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